

## **RULE**

### **Department of Wildlife and Fisheries Wildlife and Fisheries Commission**

#### **Yo-Yo and Trotline Regulations (LAC 76:VII.134)**

The Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission hereby adopts regulations for yo-yo's and trotlines in Black Lake, Clear Lake and Prairie Lake (Natchitoches Parish), Caddo Lake (Caddo Parish), Chicot Lake (Evangeline Parish), D'Arbonne Lake (Union Parish), and Lake St. Joseph (Tensas Parish), Louisiana.

#### **Title 76**

#### **WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES**

#### **Part VII. Fish and Other Aquatic Life**

#### **Chapter 1. Freshwater Sport and Commercial Fishing**

#### **§134. Black Lake, Clear Lake, Prairie Lake, Caddo Lake, Chicot Lake, D'Arbonne Lake, and Lake St. Joseph**

A. The following regulations are applicable to the use of yo-yo's and trigger devices when used in Black Lake, Clear Lake and Prairie Lake (Natchitoches Parish), Caddo Lake (Caddo Parish), Chicot Lake (Evangeline Parish), D'Arbonne Lake (Union Parish), and Lake St. Joseph (Tensas Parish), Louisiana.

1. No more than 50 yo-yos or trigger devices shall be allowed per person.
2. Except for those devices that are attached to a privately owned pier, boathouse, seawall, or dock, each yo-yo or trigger device shall be clearly tagged with the name, address, and telephone number of the owner or user.
3. When in use, each yo-yo or trigger device shall be checked at least once every 24 hours, and all fish and any other animal caught or hooked, shall be immediately removed from the device.
4. Except for those devices that are attached to a privately owned pier, boathouse, seawall, or dock, each yo-yo or trigger device must be re-baited at least once every 24 hours.
5. Except for those metal objects located above the water that are affixed to a private pier, dock, houseboat, or other manmade structure which is designed for fishing, no yo-yo or trigger device shall be attached to any metal object.
6. Except for a metal object used strictly in the construction of a pier, boathouse, seawall, or dock, no metal object which is driven into the lake bottom, a stump, tree, or the shoreline shall be used to anchor a yo-yo or trigger device.
7. Except for those devices that are attached to a privately owned pier, boathouse, seawall, or dock, when not being used in accordance with the provisions of this Section, each yo-yo or trigger device shall be removed from the waterbody immediately.

B. The following regulations are applicable to the use of trotlines when used in Black Lake, Clear Lake and Prairie Lake (Natchitoches Parish), Caddo Lake (Caddo Parish), Chicot Lake (Evangeline Parish), D'Arbonne Lake (Union Parish), and Lake St. Joseph (Tensas Parish), Louisiana.

1. All trotlines shall be clearly tagged with the name, address, and phone number of the owner or user and the date of placement. The trotline shall be marked on each end with a floating object that is readily visible.
2. At any given time, no person shall set more than three trotlines with a maximum of 50 hooks each.
3. All trotlines shall have an eight-foot cotton leader on each end of the trotline.
4. Except for those metal objects located above the water that are affixed to a private pier, dock, houseboat, or other manmade structure which is designed for fishing, no trotline shall be attached to any metallic object.
5. Each trotline shall be attended daily when in service.
6. When not in use, each trotline shall be removed from the waterbody by the owner or user.

C. A violation of any of the provisions of this Section shall be a class one violation, except there shall be no imprisonment. In addition, any device found in violation of this Paragraph shall be immediately seized by and forfeited to the department.

**AUTHORITY NOTE:** Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 56:326.3 and 56:6(32).

**HISTORICAL NOTE:** Promulgated by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, LR 38:2567 (October 2012).